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Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 18, 2003. Please note that the extended due date of January 18, 2004, fell on a Sunday preceding a federal holiday. The fee of \$110.00 is to be charged to deposit account 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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